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To read

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Aye, aye caption

Text us a funny caption for the photo above and we'll print the best in Wednesday's RedEye. Text the word "caption" followed by your brief caption and your name to **47383**. Good luck!

Monday's winner: "Sorry, I couldn't hear you, your uniform is too loud." —Muriel Carroll



'Scrubs' is on the move

NBC dumped "Scrubs" last year, but the comedy starring Zach Braff and Donald Faison found a new home on ABC. It begins a new season at 8 p.m. Tuesday with guest star Courteney Cox (above), who plays new Chief of Medicine Dr. Taylor Maddox. She seems perky, but it's not long before she becomes a new nemesis for Dr. Cox and the Janitor. Also premiering Tuesday night: "Nip/Tuck" and "10 Items or Less." Find reviews for all of them at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



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Obamas go to school

The first day's behind Sasha and Malia but privacy always a concern

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President-elect Obama's daughters were whisked quietly past waiting photographers into their new schools Monday. If custom is any guide, the news media will keep their distance now that they've captured Malia, 10, in her puffy pink jacket and 7-year-old Sasha with her pigtails, pink camouflage backpack and turquoise Uglydoll.

But protecting the privacy of presidential children has always been difficult.

Even if White House photographers are no problem for the Obamas, there still are the paparazzi to worry about, as illustrated by the beach "beefcake" photos of a shirtless president-elect taken during the Obama family vacation in Hawaii.

Then there's any 4th grader with a cell phone camera and a Facebook page.

"It is an exaggerated example of what parents face routinely when their kids are online," said Carolyn Jabs, who writes a syndicated column called Growing Up Online. "For the Obama girls, that is a given that it will get out of hand."

Blogs already have critiqued what every member of the family wears. A bad hair day, schoolyard gossip or a manipulated photo can cause problems for any child, Jabs said. Imagine if the greater free



President-elect Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama get their daughters Sasha, 7, and Malia, 10, ready Monday for their first day of school in Washington. COURTESY OF THE OBAMA TRANSITION OFFICE

world were watching.

"Mean things about them online are going to be problematic," she said. "They're going to have to develop a thicker skin in the way all celebri-

ties do."

At Sidwell Friends, children are not allowed cell phones at school, which should keep the girls shielded at least through the school day.

Obama's economic plan

President-elect Obama declared the national economy was "bad and getting worse" Monday as he began crisis talks with congressional leaders on emergency action. He predicted lawmakers would approve hundreds of billions of dollars in new spending and tax cuts within two weeks of his taking office.

"The economy is very sick," Obama said before meeting with Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid. "The situation is getting worse. ... We have to act and act now to break the momentum of this recession."

Obama's proposal to stimulate the economy includes tax cuts of up to \$300 billion, including \$500 tax cuts for most workers and \$1,000 for couples, as well as more than \$100 billion for businesses, an Obama transition official said. The total value of the tax cuts would be significantly higher than had been signaled earlier.

Beer pong competition gets serious in Las Vegas

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Don't let the smell of beer and the rock music fool you: Beer pong is a serious game. Some dare say a sport. Granted, they tend to be grinning and drinking when they say it.

There was plenty of both going on this weekend at the World Series of Beer Pong IV, a loud and sloshy annual tournament that elevates a college fraternity house staple that includes Ping Pong balls and beer to an (almost) serious competition.

With a \$50,000 prize on the line, more than 400 teams flocked to the Flamingo hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip for a chance to bring their skills out

of the bar and into the big time. They wore matching uniforms and talked about focus and strategy.

Some also wore matching hot pants and talked about drinking more Pabst Blue Ribbon, the official beer of the tournament.

But the winner, Ron Hamilton, 25, of Brentwood, N.Y., preferred liquor to beer, and said he got ready for Sunday's play by drinking a bottle of Jack Daniel's.

"The key today was me getting real drunk and my partner not missing, and us coming out and proving we're the best," Hamilton said shortly after winning the top prize with Michael Popielarski, 25, of Massapequa, N.Y.



Troy Stieve (center) of Ann Arbor, Mich., and his teammate Lester Marks (right) of Monroe, Mich., compete Sunday during the World Series of Beer Pong IV in Las Vegas. AP

HOW TO PLAY

The game is played with cups of beer lined up like bowling pins on two ends of a 14-foot table. Team members alternate trying to toss a Ping Pong ball into the cups. The team that lands all the cups wins, the losers drink.



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Two sushi bar owners paid \$104,700 for a 282-pound Japanese bluefin tuna at a Tokyo fish auction Monday, several times the average price and the highest in nearly a decade, market officials said.

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Ride on! GP's '09 resolutions

Are you already regretting that gym membership you started seven days ago?

Is your vow to stop cursing already [bleeping] failing?

Did that no-caffeine credo sound better on paper?

No worries if you're already regretting New Year's Eve resolutions made in a haze of champagne wishes and confetti dreams. They're just too darn hard to keep. Instead, let's come up with rider rules, resolutions we can actually follow and that might make even public transit more palatable.

Here are my top five rider resolutions for 2009 and beyond:

1. Phone faux pas

Nobody cares if your BFF is calling you with more intel on your ex or if your mother is telling you how to get that ink stain off your sofa. Get off that cell phone when you see the bus coming. Instead, focus on finding your fare card. It will save us all time and you at least a dozen dirty looks.

2. Stay in your lane

Buses and trains have pretty defined ridged seats, so please don't spill out of them to the point that you are squishing your seatmate. This isn't your grandma's comfy couch, so sit up straight and act accordingly.

3. Avoid board rage

Yes, buses and trains get crowded, and it's annoying to have to practically grind other riders just to get on or off CTA vehicles. But don't get hysterical, as having an attitude only worsens the squished situation. So easy on the brassy shouts of "coming out," blocks before the bus reaches your stop. Equally ridiculous: the elbow-throwing "L" boarders turning mass transit into a mosh pit.

4. Curb your enthusiasm

It's tempting to stand in the middle of the street looking for your bus, especially if it's not live on next-bus tracker, but it isn't safe. Stay on the curb and amuse yourself with people-watching to pass the time. You know as well as I do: The bus will show when it shows.

5. Do not engage

There are wonderful CTA employees kind enough to give you great directions, greet you with a warm smile and help you with fare-card troubles. Then there are what I call The Others. That category covers nasty acting bus operators, customer assistants, customer service and other snappy CTA employees who inspire much of the ire in my inbox.

For The Others, it's best to document their extreme activities and promptly report them via ctahelp@transitchicago.com, and feel free to "cc" goingpublic@tribune.com for added measure.

It may feel good to berate your target, but there is truth in the old saying that if you argue with a fool, onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.



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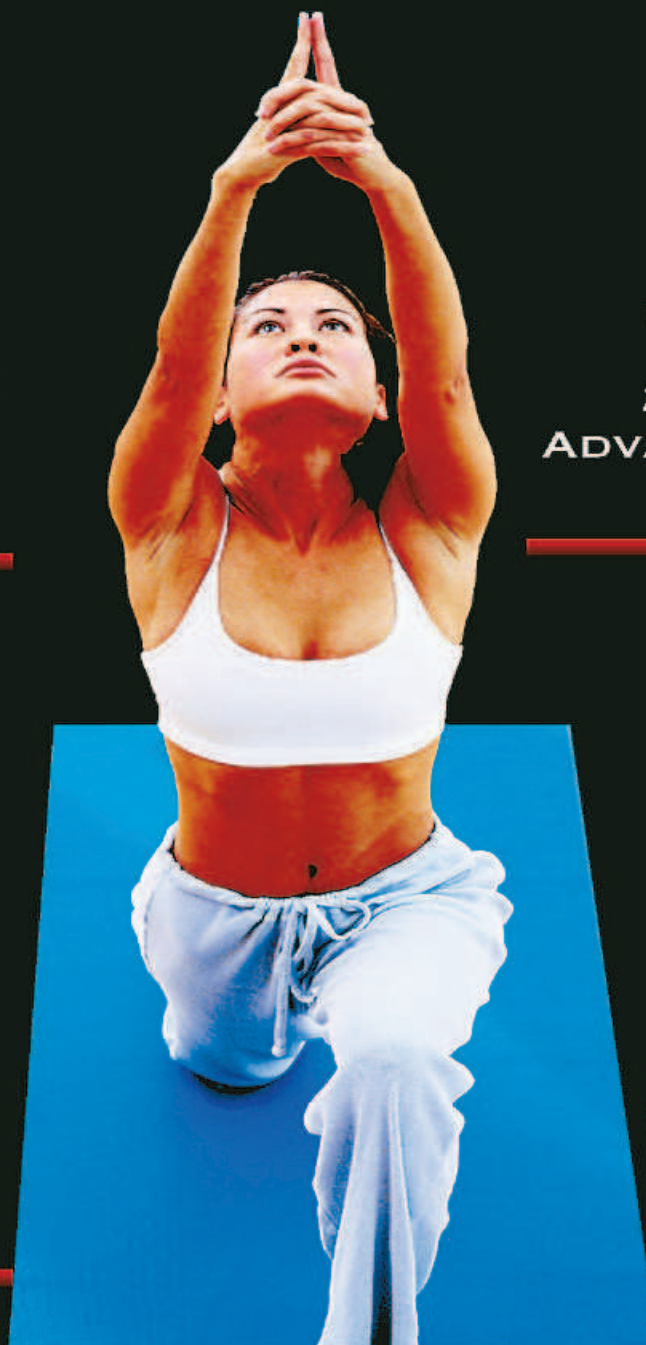
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Lawyers given time to indict governor

Chicago Tribune

Federal prosecutors have been granted an extra three months—until April 7—to seek an indictment of Gov. Blagojevich.

Prosecutors had sought the extension last week, citing the complexity of their investigation of pay-to-play politics in the Blagojevich administration.

In making their case for the time extension, prosecutors had noted that “thousands of phone calls were intercepted between late October 2008 and early December 2008.

In addition, multiple witnesses have come forward to discuss their knowledge of criminal activity in relation to the ongoing investigation” of the governor and John Harris, the governor’s former chief of staff.

Also Monday, a federal judge set a short timetable for lawyers to review four secret recordings made in the investigation.

A decision on whether to turn over the recordings to the Illinois House special investigative committee looking into impeaching Blagojevich could come as early as Thursday.



Roland Burris on Monday talks with reporters at Midway as he prepares to head to Washington.

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SENATE SAYS NO TO BURRIS

Chicago Tribune

Roland Burris headed to Washington on Monday to claim Illinois’ disputed U.S. Senate seat, but he wasn’t welcomed with open arms.

Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson rejected Burris’ certificate of appointment to the Senate as invalid, said Beth Provenzano, a spokeswoman for Erickson. Senate rules require that the certificate be signed both by the governor and the secretary of state.

Gov. Blagojevich, who faces criminal charges alleging he tried to sell the Senate seat vacated by President-elect Obama, has the sole authority to appoint a replacement.

But Senate Democratic leaders and others

have opposed his appointment last week of Burris, a former state comptroller and attorney general, on grounds that the governor’s actions are tainted by the criminal charges.

Burris talked to reporters at Midway before his flight. He repeated his insistence that he is the state’s junior U.S. senator and expects to be granted his seat in Washington on Tuesday.

“No, I’m not bothered by [the rejection] because the appointment is legal. Why don’t you all understand that what has been done here is legal?” he said. “That’s legal, I am the junior senator from Illinois and I wish my colleagues in the press would recognize that. All the drama, I guess it keeps you all in a job.”

CTA derailment impacts rush

A CTA train derailed in the rail yard behind the Howard Red Line station Monday morning, temporarily shutting down Yellow Line service and a portion of the southbound Red Line. CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski said no customers were aboard the train at the time.

Gang member arrested

A high-ranking Chicago-area gang member was arrested in Mexico, the FBI said Monday. Vicente Garcia, 30, was arrested in late December in Tamazula and is awaiting extradition to Chicago, the FBI said. Garcia is alleged to be the supreme regional officer for the Chicago faction of the Latin Kings.

Prosecutor: Man acted as lookout in Metra cop slaying

A 20-year-old Gary man was charged with first-degree murder Monday in connection with the shooting death of a Metra police officer in Harvey in 2006. Prosecutors said Jeremy Lloyd acted as a lookout while an accomplice approached Metra officer Thomas Cook, 43, of Dyer, Ind., and shot him twice in the head.

1 killed in South Side shooting

One man was killed and another wounded Sunday as they walked in Burnside, police said. Xavier Lawrence, 20, was killed. The second victim, an unidentified 20-year-old man, was shot in the thigh. The men were walking in the 9200 block of South Dobson Avenue when an unidentified man opened fire, police said.

Pizzeria owner stabbed

The owner of a South Loop pizzeria was stabbed Monday morning, reportedly in the alley behind his restaurant. The owner apparently was attacked as he was taking out the trash behind Big Daddy’s Pizzeria, 2137 S. State St., police said.

TOP SCAMS OF '08

Here are the top 10 scams that were aimed at consumers last year, according to the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois:

CHECKS

Consumers get checks in the mail, supposedly for a promotion. The person is asked to deposit the check, then write a personal check to cover “taxes” or “fees.”

ADVANCE-FEE LOANS

Scam artists phone people asking them to fill out applications for loans. The catch: The consumer is told to pay advance fees.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE RESCUES

Scammers promise to save homeowners from foreclosure. Victims are asked to pay upfront fees or share personal information.

DEBT NEGOTIATION

Thieves claim they can erase negative credit reports, guarantee they can reduce debt by a specific percentage and/or ask for money in advance.

WORK-AT-HOME & JOB OPENINGS

These online and classified ad scams promise high pay for minimal work, then ask for upfront money for materials, training, etc.

PHISHING & FAKE E-CARDS

Scammers use official-looking online requests from fake financial institutions to trick people into disclosing personal information.

MYSTERY/SECRET SHOPPING

Newspaper and online ads ask people to “register” and pay a fee to find out about becoming a mystery shopper.

DIRECTORIES & YELLOW PAGES

Solicitors call businesses, get information to renew Yellow Pages listings, then charge for these fake renewals.

GOV. JOB FINDERS

Scammers claim to help with research, applications or seminars related to government grants—for a price.

WEIGHT-LOSS PRODUCTS

Internet and newspaper ads promote weight-loss products that don’t work. Consumers have trouble canceling orders or getting refunds.

Apple's Jobs explains health, will stay CEO

Apple founder Steve Jobs, a survivor of pancreatic cancer whose gaunt appearance in the past year has alarmed the Mac and iPod lovers who look to him as an oracle, said Monday he has an easily treated hormone imbalance and will remain in charge of the company.

In a public letter, Jobs, 53, said his thinness had been a mystery even to him and his doctors until a few weeks ago, when "sophisticated blood tests" confirmed that he has "a hormone imbalance that has

been 'robbing' me of the proteins my body needs to be healthy."

"The remedy for this nutritional problem is relatively simple and straightforward, and I've already begun treatment," he wrote.

Worries about Jobs intensified after Apple said in December that he would not make his annual keynote address Tuesday at the Macworld conference in San Francisco.

Apple said Jobs would not take the stage because this year will mark the company's

last appearance at the show, which is run by a separate company. Phil Schiller, an Apple marketing executive, will give the company's presentation instead.

But after Apple's official statements didn't quell the discussion of Jobs' health, the CEO said he released his letter Monday "so that we can all relax and enjoy the show tomorrow."

He closed it by saying: "So now I've said more than I wanted to say, and all that I am going to say, about this."



AP

1 Standoff ends

A former South Carolina policeman and a teenage girl surrendered peacefully Monday after a 13-hour standoff in a motel in Madison, Ga., the FBI said. The two were holed up in a room with his infant son and estranged wife.

2 Senate race challenge

A Minnesota board on Monday certified results showing Democrat Al Franken winning the state's U.S. Senate recount over Republican Norm Coleman, whose lawyer promised a legal challenge that probably will keep the race in limbo for months.

More green »

Eleven states have agreed to adhere to a new fuel standard that they hope will reduce greenhouse gases. The states are Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

3 'Noble' ambition

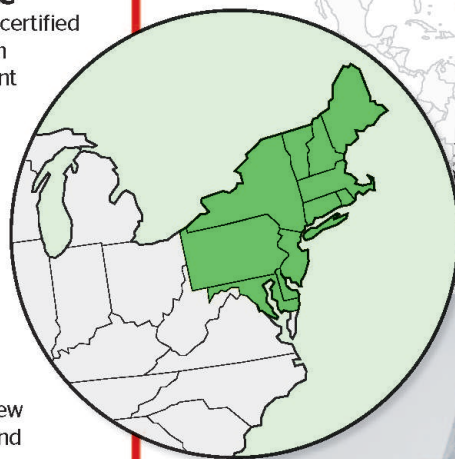
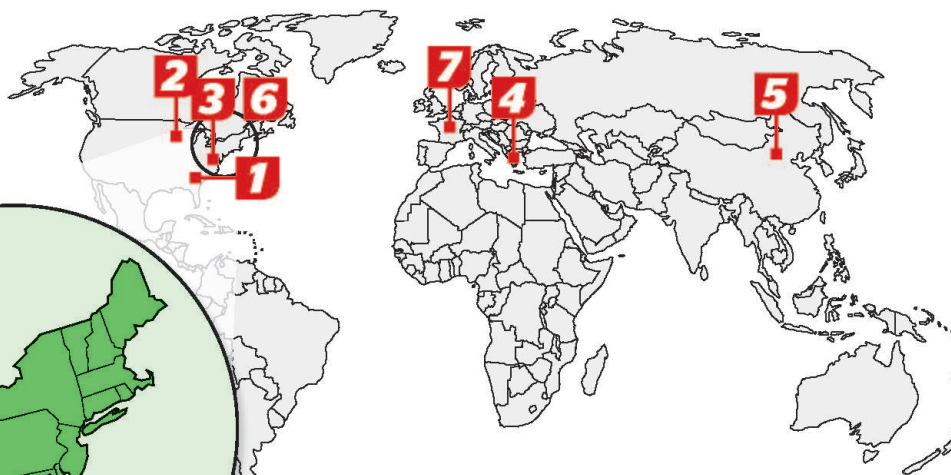
President Bush on Monday called a cease-fire in Gaza a "noble" ambition but said any agreement must ensure that Hamas is unable to continue to fire rockets into Israel.

4 Terror fears

Greek anti-terror police are investigating an attack Monday against riot police in Athens that severely wounded a policeman and raised fears of a resurgence of domestic terrorism.

5 Google, Web sites warned

China warned Google and other popular Web portals Monday that they must do more to block pornographic material from reaching Chinese users, the latest in a series of government crackdowns targeting Internet content.



Obama makes surprise CIA pick

6 WASHINGTON Two Democratic officials say President-elect Obama has chosen former Clinton White House chief of staff Leon Panetta to run the CIA.

Panetta was a surprise pick for the post, with no experience in the intelligence world. An Obama transition official and another Democrat disclosed his nomination on a condition of anonymity since it was not yet public.

Panetta was director of the Office of Management and Budget and a longtime congressman from California.

He served on the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel that released a report at the end of 2006 with dozens of recommendations for the reversing course in the Iraq war.

Panetta currently directs with his wife Sylvia the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy, based at California State University, Monterey Bay, a university he helped establish on the site of the former U.S. Army base, Ft. Ord.



7 PARIS A storm brought blankets of snow across Europe on Monday, forcing the closure of an icy Eiffel Tower in Paris and causing flight cancellations. The Eiffel Tower, one of Paris' main tourist attractions, was closed because of slippery conditions. "We can't put down salt because it's metallic," said Eiffel Tower press officer Isabelle Esnous. "We can't use sand either ... because it risks getting into the elevator [cogs]." **AP PHOTO**

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The Cubs' new game changer?

Milton Bradley
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Milton Bradley comes on board for \$30 million over three years

Associated Press

The Cubs and free agent Milton Bradley reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a \$30 million, three-year contract, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The deal is subject to a physical scheduled for Thursday, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been finalized.

Adding Bradley was one of the top priorities this off-season for the Cubs, who got swept out of the playoffs for the second straight year after a lineup loaded with right-handers struggled against the L.A. Dodgers.

A switch-hitter, Bradley batted .321 with 22 homers for Texas while leading the American League with a .436 on-base percentage. He made the All-Star team while serving primarily as a designated hitter.

In Chicago, he'll fill the Cubs' need for a left-handed bat in the middle of the order and will be used mostly in right field even though he has played 100 games in the field just once—in 2004 with the Dodgers. The Cubs likely will spell him with Kosuke Fukudome, who also will platoon with Reed Johnson in center.

Fukudome was in right field last season.

Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry declined comment.

The Cubs led the National League with 855 runs during the regular season before the Dodgers outscored them 20-6 in the playoffs. It was no secret the Cubs wanted to balance their batting order, and Bradley should complement right-handed sluggers such as Alfonso Soriano, Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez.

The agreement with Bradley came after the

CUBS MOVES

Change has come to the Cubs after they were swept in the first round of the playoffs. Here are some of the team's moves.

» Traded Mark DeRosa to Cleveland for three pitching prospects.

» Signed Aaron Miles to a two-year, \$4.9 million deal.

» Signed free-agent outfielder Joey Gathright to a one-year, \$800,000 deal.

» Let Kerry Wood leave as a free agent.

Cubs dealt versatile Mark DeRosa, a right-handed hitter, to Cleveland on Wednesday after an agreement to sign switch-hitter Aaron Miles.

Now they've added Bradley to the mix, hoping he can help them advance in the postseason and, ultimately, win their first championship since 1908. But they're taking a calculated gamble. The Cubs will be the seventh team for Bradley, who has a history of behavioral issues.

Big, bad and Bradley

Milton Bradley has had his fair share of controversy. Here's a look at some of his not-so-shining moments.

JUNE 2008

Bradley stormed up four flights of Kauffman Stadium stairs looking for Royals TV announcer Ryan Lefebvre, who had made what Bradley considered negative comments about him. Bradley never made it to Lefebvre. Rangers GM Jon Daniels interceded and the two went back to the clubhouse. "I came in to watch my at-bat on the video and all of a sudden I heard my name," Bradley said at the time. "It was a spiel like five minutes out of the blue about me. I was upset and was going to introduce myself ... and tell him the stuff you're talking about is uncalled for."

SEPTEMBER 2007

With San Diego in the pennant chase, he tore the ACL in his right knee when he was spun to the ground by Padres manager Bud Black, who was trying to keep him from umpire Mike Winters. Bradley claimed he was baited by Winters, who was suspended the final five days of the regular season and didn't work the postseason.

SEPTEMBER 2004

He slammed a plastic bottle at the feet of a fan in the right-field seats at Dodger Stadium after someone threw it on the field, drawing a five-game suspension.

JUNE 2004

Bradley was suspended four games after he threw a tantrum after being ejected for arguing balls and strikes with the home-plate umpire. As he was leaving the field, Bradley grabbed a ball bag and tossed baseballs onto the field. He also threw a ball to the warning track.

MARCH 2004

When he was with Cleveland, he had a dugout confrontation with Indians manager Eric Wedge during Spring Training before getting traded to L.A.

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Roll of the dice

The signing of Milton Bradley could come back to haunt the Cubs if he displays the behavioral or injury problems (he's been on the disabled list 12 times) he has in the past. Inspired by the games made by Milton Bradley, the toy company, here are some scenarios that the Cubs could face this season. **REDEYE**



Sorry!

Bradley apologizes after going on a rant about Cubs TV announcer Bob Brenly, whom Bradley thought had insulted him. It is forever called The Alfonso "Who's Bob Brenly?" Soriano Move.



Jenga

Remember Kerry Wood and Mark Prior? The Cubs' off-season moves come tumbling down after Bradley is sidelined with a knee injury.



Simon

Bradley and Cubs manager Lou Piniella have a dugout spat after Bradley won't do what Sweet Lou tells him to.



Omega Virus

The Cubs have to do damage control after Bradley's attitude disrupts team chemistry. Somewhere, Sammy Sosa smirks.



Scattergories

Bradley engages in a war of words with Bleacher Bums, complete with colorful use of words beginning with the letters "F," "B" and "S."

Can the Blackhawks carry Chicago

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers the following question: The Blackhawks played at Wrigley and have three All-Stars. Have they gotten your attention? Here's what you said.



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"Had my attention before that—they're a great team this year, and they're finally going to make it back to the playoffs."
—DANGREEN23

"Yes! I live in Wrigleyville and being around all the Blackhawk hype has made me want to go to a game!"
—EMILIESANDERS

"Absolutely ... and with the Bears coming up short and the Bulls underwhelming, the Hawks are the toast of the town!!"
—SSCORNELIUS

"Have the Blackhawks gotten my attention, or has John McDonough's marketing strategy not allowed me to avoid the Blackhawks?" —ACHMORRISON

"The Blackhawks absolutely have my attention. Jay Blunk + John McDonough are geniuses!!!" —KWELLS2416

"What got my attention is that I can actually watch them on TV now."
—ALLANSCHOENBERG

"The Blackhawks are the best in the league. Watch out in the playoffs."
—DANNO1227

"I try and like hockey every year but can never get into it. The game at Wrigley was the only one I have watched all season."
—ONDRACEKA

"No, they have not." —ANDYDECK

COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

Tribune Co. may be close to Cubs sale

Chicago Tribune

Tribune Co., owner of the Chicago Cubs, is close to selecting a winning bid for the team from three finalists, according to people familiar with the sales talks.

Tribune has been evaluating bids since the beginning of December and could make a decision within a week to 10 days, sources said. But one source cautioned that the process of narrowing the auction to one bidder still could be derailed, and Tribune Co. could pull the team and its landmark stadium off the market.

A Tribune Co. spokesman declined to comment Monday night.

Once the winning bid is chosen, the deal is far from completion. Tribune Co. plans to enter into negotiations with the prospective buyer to work out a sales transaction. Tight credit markets make it more difficult to obtain loans to finance a transaction that could approach \$1 billion.

Three prospective buyers made offers for the franchise at the end of November: Chicago real-estate investor Hersch Klaff; the Ricketts family, founders of online

brokerage TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.; and a group led by Marc Utay, a New York private-equity investor who grew up in Chicago.

If the winning bidder is able to finalize a contract with Tribune Co., the buyer must be approved by three-quarters of baseball owners. It also is possible a bankruptcy-court judge will have a say in the process after Tribune Co. filed for Chapter 11 on Dec. 8. The Cubs are not included in the filing, but the sale would generate proceeds for debt holders.

Game boy

Our Five on Five crew refused to answer Milton Bradley questions, fearing he would chase them to get even.



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1 What sporting event are you looking forward to in 2009?	The Heather Graham look-alike Lingerie Bowl.	The Nat'l Chompionship Game: Joklahoma v. UF. Wait, did you say "jorting event"?	Any of them that doesn't end in soul-shattering disappointment.	The Cubs World Series—I'm resolving to be optimistic this year.	The Champions League Final. Shepherd's pie and Boddingtons at 2 p.m.!
2 The one thing I want for Chicago teams this year is Bobby Hull's two front teeth.	... for them to shed the dead weight. That's my New Year's Reso-Lou-tion.	... protection from the evil, evil sports media. Brian Urlacher is priority No. 1.	... new uniforms, so they can look pretty losing. Yeah, the optimism's already gone.	Said it before and said it again. As long as the Bulls have Derrick Rose, I'm happy.
3 What's your solution to finding a No. 1 in college football?	Kill the BCS, install an 8-team tourney. Not. That. Difficult.	UF is always No. 1. Only Floridians can be trusted to manage the polls, anyway.	Put them all in a car with Charles Barkley, and the first to emerge fully clothed wins.	Rock, paper, scissors. It's an improvement over the current system.	Darts.
4 Why is the GMAC Bowl scheduled among the title-deciding games?	It's a mystery, kind of like when Tracy and Jo Noah will get engaged.	U.S. automakers are greedy for our attention. Everyone should bail on this game.	It's part of the bailout plan for irrelevant football programs.	Man, the BCS system sucks.	Why not? Minor League Football is so broken, who cares which bowl is when?
5 January is to sports as ellipses are to Five on Five answers.	... the Olive Garden is to soup and salad. No appetite here for endless bowls.	... Jimmy is to the Hair Club for Men.	... October is to Chicago baseball teams—nothin' to see here.	The Bulls are to the NBA. One person (Rose) and one sport (NFL) worth watching.



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HOMETOWN HITS



When the Hawks take on the Coyotes on Tuesday night, it will be the first meeting between the teams since the Hawks hammered Phoenix 7-1 on Dec. 7 at the United Center. In the waning seconds of that game a skirmish broke out, and eventually the Hawks' Kris Versteeg

ended up in a fight with the Coyotes' Kyle Turris in a battle of rookies. After the game, livid Coyotes coach Wayne Gretzky said, "I hope our guys are ready to respond." They'll get that opportunity Tuesday night. "We're just going to go out there and play our hockey game," said Versteeg, who was suspended for one game for the incident.

» The Predators have changed the time of their game Saturday against the Hawks in Nashville from 7 to 7:30 p.m. so it doesn't conflict with the Tennessee Titans' AFC semifinal against Baltimore, which starts at 3:30 p.m.



KANSAS STATE 99, CHICAGO STATE 68

Fred Brown scored a game-high 26 points off the bench to lead Kansas State over Chicago State 99-68 on Monday night. David Holston led Chicago State (8-8) with 18 points. John Cantrell and Carl Montgomery added 12 points each.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

- » Loyola 62, Wisconsin-Green Bay 60
- » Tennessee Tech 67, Eastern Illinois 20



Ohio State running back Chris Wells rushes the ball Monday night under pressure from Texas' Earl Thomas during the Fiesta Bowl. GETTY IMAGES

FIESTA BOWL

- » Texas 24, Ohio State 21

COPS AND JOCKS

Chicagoan Walker arrested

Former NBA player and Chicago native Antoine Walker was charged with suspicion of drunken driving in Miami Beach early Monday. Officers detected a strong odor of alcohol and wrote in the report that Walker looked sleepy when he was pulled over at 5:39 a.m. He refused a breathalyzer test.

AND FINALLY ...

Pittsburgh's James Harrison was named The Associated Press 2008 Defensive Player of the Year. ... A Florida man is suing San Diego running back Michael Bennett and a former Tampa Bay teammate, saying they attacked him at an International House of Pancakes. ... The Green Bay Packers released defensive coordinator Bob Sanders and five other assistant coaches.



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Beware the ideoes of January. OK, so beware all of January. My friends, we are amid the sports doldrums. Hockey and college ball keep us going until March Madness wakes us from our winter slumber. All right, enough of the poetic crap. Bottom line: Don't take summer sports for granted. Now, my TV picks.

NHL
BLACKHAWKS
AT PHOENIX

8 p.m. CSN Plus
If I'm the Blackhawks, I'm happy to be going to Phoenix.

NBA
BULLS VS.
SACRAMENTO

7:30 p.m. CSN
The Kings are even worse than the Bulls. Enjoy the game, season-ticket holders.

GMAC BOWL
TULSA (10-3) VS.
BALL STATE (12-1)

7 p.m. ESPN
Uh, I thought this was the week for the good bowl games.

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By Janine Schaults

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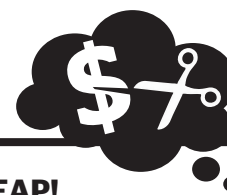
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Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, 2407 W. 111th St. 773-445-3838.

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Rousing rap

Spartus Institute of Jewish Studies, 610 S. Michigan Ave. 312-322-1700.

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ALHAMBRA PALACE RESTAURANT

9 p.m.: Salsa Tuesdays. DJs Luis "Rollin" Rivera and Dwight Burr spin, salsa lessons. \$5 before 11 p.m. with RSVP: guestlist@hotsalsakitche.com; 1240 W. Randolph St. 312-666-9555.

BLUE BAYOU

\$1.50 PBR bottles, \$4 Abita beers, \$7 hurricanes; 3734 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-3300.

BLUE FIN

Half-price beer bottles; 1952 W. North Ave. 773-394-7373.

CELTIC CROWN

Free wings with beverage purchase (4-7 p.m.), \$3 Bacardi cocktails, \$7 domestic pitchers, \$7.99 pot roast and vegetables dinner; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

CINNERS

\$2 well drinks; 4757 N. Talman Ave. 773-654-1624.

DRIFTWOOD

\$1.50 PBR cans; 1021 W. Montrose Ave. 773-975-3900.

EXIT

\$2.50 domestic drafts and select cocktails, free snacks and giveaways, DJ Andrew spins; 1315 W. North Ave. 773-395-2700.

FEARON'S

\$3 cocktails, \$5 Angus burgers; 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

FOUR FARTHINGS

\$3 Budweiser bottles, \$4.50 Sam Adams Winter Lager bottles; 2060 N. Cleveland Ave. 773-935-2060.

GASLIGHT

BAR AND GRILLE
\$4 Effen Cherry bombs, \$5 salads, \$5 fish tacos, \$14 Corona and Corona Light buckets; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

GOODBAR

\$3 cocktails; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

THE HANGGE-UPPE

\$4 rum cocktails, \$4 Corona and Dos Equis bottles; 14 W. Elm St. 312-337-0561.

HARRIGAN'S

35 cent wings, \$2 domestic bottles, \$4 mini-burger plates; 2816 N. Halsted St. 773-248-5933.

HYDRATE

Wild Tuesdays. \$3 Sauza shots, \$4 Sauza margaritas, DJs D, Dynamico and George G spin; 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

KINCADE'S

\$2.50 well cocktails and drafts, 30 cent jumbo wings; 950 W. Armitage Ave. 773-348-0010.

LIAR'S CLUB

\$3 Bell's Amber drafts and Kilo Kai shots, \$4 Kilo Kai cocktails; 1665 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-665-1110.

THE LONG ROOM

\$1 PBR cans, \$2 Jim Beam shots; 1612 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-665-4500.

MARTINI PARK

Torch Tuesdays. Complimentary appetizers (5-8 p.m.), \$7 martinis and retro cocktails, \$5 select mixed drinks; 151 W. Erie St. 312-640-0577.

MULLEN'S

\$2 burgers, \$3 Corona and Corona Light bottles; 7301 N. Western Ave. 773-465-2113.

MURPHY'S BLEACHERS

\$2 for two hot dogs, \$3 local microbrews, \$3 Two Brothers Heavy-Handed IPA drafts; 3655 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-5356.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT

25 cent jumbo wings, \$2.50 PBR tallboys, \$3 Jim Beam, Jack Daniel's and Jameson cocktails; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

SUBTERRANEAN

\$2.50 Berghoff Red beers, \$5.50 Red Bull and vodka drinks, DJs Norm Rockwell and Verb spin, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; \$5; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

T'S

\$6 double pints, \$12 all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

VILLAINS

Half-price appetizers, \$4 Lagunitas bottles and drafts; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

ZELLA

\$2.50 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$3.50 call drinks, \$4 glasses of house wine; 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910.

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\$3 wine tastings, \$10 wine flights, \$5 after-work menu (5-6:30 p.m.); 111 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-9000.

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Buy two appetizers and get one free (5-10 p.m.), half-price bottles of wine; 4500 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-907-2226.

FIZZ BAR & GRILL

\$4 glasses of house wines and Sam Adams pints, \$5.95 macaroni and cheese bar, sketch comedy 9 p.m.; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

HUNT CLUB

Half-price bottles of wine; 1100 N. State St. 312-988-7887.

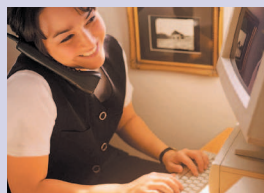
PARAMOUNT ROOM

Half-price bottles of wine, \$14 all-you-can-eat fish and chips dinner, \$3 house shots, \$5 shot and a beer, \$5 Jack Daniel's and Jameson shots, \$10 Kobe burger and a pint; 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300.



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7 p.m. Sat. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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10 p.m. Fri. \$12. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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Simple pop-rock that goes down easy. With Van Ghost.
10 p.m. Fri. \$12-\$14. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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7:30 p.m. Fri. Sold out. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.



The Handcuffs

BILL'S BLUES JAM
8:30 p.m. Free. Bill's Blues Bar, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. 847-424-9800.

CELTIC SEISIUNS
7 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

THE DEBAUCHERS, THE HANDCUFFS, FIVE FOOT NINE
8 p.m. \$7. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

DEEP BLUE ORGAN TRIO
9 p.m. \$6. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

DEVIL IN A WOODPILE
9:30 p.m. Free. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

GUY KING
9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

HELICOPTERS, THE NEW MONARCHS, I, COLOSSUS
9 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

JORDAN BASKIN TRIO WITH DR. ODIES WILLIAMS
7 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

KEVIN O'DONNELL'S EPIPHANY SPECTACULAR
8 p.m. \$8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

LINSEY ALEXANDER BLUES BAND WITH NELLIE TRAVIS
9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

LORNA BOSTON BAND
10:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

PRESS GANG, THE CAMERATA, ELIZABETH BAGBY, SOLVENTO7
8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

SEXFIST
10 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

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G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested

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600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)

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(312) 255-9340

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AMC Select - The best specialty films

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 3:20,7:00,10:30

Bedtime Stories (PG) 2:45,5:15,7:40,10:10

Valkyrie (PG-13) 2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00

Marley & Me (PG) 1:15,4:15,7:30,10:20

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,5:45,7:50,10:50

Yes Man (PG-13) 2:30,5:30,8:15,10:40

Earth Stood (PG-13) 1:30,4:00,6:45,9:30

Four Chris (PG-13) 3:00,8:30

Twilight (PG-13) 10:45 P.M.

Quantum-Sol. (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago

(773) 509-4949

Revo Road (R) 2:00,3:10,4:50,6:30,7:45,9:45,10:30

The Reader (R) 3:15,6:45,9:50

Milk (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20

Slumdog Mill (R) 1:45,3:00,4:40,6:15,7:40,9:20,10:30

Doubt (PG-13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.

(800) 326-3264 #1642

The Spirit (PG-13) ★ 10:50,1:40,4:10,7:00,9:40

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 10:10,2:00,6:10,10:00

Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 9:30,11:10,12:20,1:50,2:50,4:20,5:30,7:10,7:50,9:45,10:15

Marley & Me (PG) ★ 9:40,10:45,12:40,1:45,3:40,4:40,6:40,7:40,9:30,10:30

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 9:50,12:50,3:50,6:50,9:50

Tale of Desp (G) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30

Yes Man (PG-13) 11:20,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:20

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 10:20,1:20,2:20,4:30,5:10,7:30,8:10,10:40

Earth Stood (PG-13) 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:20,10:10

Nothing Like (PG-13) 6:05,8:40

Four Chris (PG-13) 10:40,11:00,3:30

Twilight (PG-13) 9:00

Bolt in 3D (PG) 10:30,1:10,3:45

Quantum-Sol. (PG-13) 6:20,8:50

Madagascar 2 (PG) 9:45,12:10

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

(773) 784-0893

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 6:30,9:45

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 5:15,7:45,10:15

Yes Man (PG-13) 5:20,7:40,9:50

Slumdog Mill (R) 5:10,7:30,10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago

(773) 582-1839

Show times change daily

AMC Select - The best specialty films

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 1:00,4:30,8:15

The Spirit (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:00,8:00,9:30

Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:00,2:10,3:30,4:30,6:15,7:15,8:45,10:00

Valkyrie (PG-13) 1:40,4:15,7:05,9:45

Marley & Me (PG) 1:30,4:10,6:50,9:20

Tale of Desp (G) 1:05,3:20,5:30,7:40,9:50

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 1:15,2:30,4:00,5:15,7:00,8:30,9:45

Yes Man (PG-13) 1:10,2:30,5:00,6:30,7:20,9:40

Earth Stood (PG-13) 2:15,4:45,7:10,9:40

AMC Select Nothing Like (PG-13) 5:10,10:00

AMC Select Cadillac Rec (R) 2:40,7:30

Bolt (PG) 1:20,3:30,5:45

Twilight (PG-13) 3:40,9:15

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street

312-846-2800

Town of Love (NR) 6:15 P.M.

Azur & Asmar (NR) 6:00,8:00

Alexandri Why (NR) 7:45 P.M.

LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATRE

6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago

312-642-2403

Call theatre for show information

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

(773) 252-0628

Twilight (PG-13) 2:00,4:10,6:25,8:40

Quantum-Sol. (PG-13) 1:40,4:10,6:25,8:40

Bolt (PG) 2:10,4:15,6:25,8:30

Madagascar 2 (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago

(773) 871-6604

Amarcord (R) 4:30,7:00,9:30

Christmas Tale (NR) 5:30,8:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago

(312) 642-7500

Show times change daily

AMC Select - The best specialty films

Ghajini (NR) 2:30,6:15

AMC Select Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 3:40 P.M.

Australia (PG-13) 6:30 P.M.

AMC Select Happy-Go-Lucky (R) 2:00 P.M.

AMC Select Let the Right (R) 4:45,7:30

AMC Select Rachel Getting (R) 2:15,5:00,7:40

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street

847-765-7262

Show times change daily

AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 1:50,3:20,4:45,6:00,7:40,8:40,10:35

AMC Select Revo Road (R) 1:20,2:20,4:20,5:20,7:20,8:20,10:30

AMC Select The Reader (R) 1:25,4:25,7:25,10:40

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 3:05,7:00,10:40

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 4:20,8:10

The Spirit (PG-13) 2:30,5:15,8:25

Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:30,3:00,4:00,9:45

Valkyrie (PG-13) 2:00,5:00,8:15

Marley & Me (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:30

AMC Select Frost/Nixon (R) 2:35,5:35,8:35

AMC Select Doubt (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:20

Tale of Desp (G) 3:10,5:40,8:15

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 1:15,2:15,5:15,8:20

Yes Man (PG-13) 3:30,6:00,8:50

AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10

AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 1:45,4:45,5:45,7:45,8:45,10:45

Earth Stood (PG-13) 3:50,6:20,8:50

AMC Select Milk (R) 1:05,4:05,7:05,10:05

AMC Select Cadillac Rec (R) 10:35 P.M.

Four Chris (PG-13) 1:20 P.M.

Bolt (PG) 1:00 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie

(800) 326-3264 #2309

The Reader (R) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:25

The Spirit (PG-13) ★ 11:50,2:30,5:20,7:50,10:20

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:20,4:10,6:10,8:10,9:55,11:40

Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 11:45,1:20,2:40,3:50,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,11:30

Doubt (PG-13) ★ 12:50,3:45,6:45,9:20,11:50

Marley & Me (PG) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:50,7:20,9:40,10:15,12:20

Gran Torino (R) ★ 1:00,1:50,4:00,4:40,7:00,7:30,9:50,10:35

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:30,7:15,10:00

Tale of Desp (G) 11:20,2:00,5:00,7:45

Yes Man (PG-13) 12:15,2:50,5:30,8:20,10:50

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30

Earth Stood (PG-13) 11:30,2:15,4:50,8:00,10:30

Nothing Like (PG-13) 10:10

Frost/Nixon (R) 12:20,3:20,6:20,9:15

Four Chris (PG-13) 1:00,4:15

Twilight (PG-13) 10:05

Bolt (PG) 11:40

Slumdog Mill (R) 12:00,3:00,6:15,9:00,11:45

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago

(800) 326-3264 #1641

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 11:00,12:45,2:30,4:20,6:10,8:00,9:50

Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 11:30,2:00,9:30

Gran Torino (R) ★ 10:30,11:15,1:00,2:10,3:45,5:00,6:30,7:45,9:15,10:30

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:00,10:00

Yes Man (PG-13) 10:50,1:30,4:00,6:40,9:40

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 10:15,12:30,1:20,3:30,4:15,6:20,7:30,9:20,10:20

Frost/Nixon (R) 10:20,1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10

Four Chris (PG-13) 11:45,2:20,4:40,6:50,9:10

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.

(800) 326-3264 #1646

The Spirit (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:10,9:50

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2:20,6:05,9:40

Bedtime Stories (PG) 12:45,2:00,3:30,4:45,6:10,7:20,8:40,9:45

Marley & Me (PG) 1:00,3:40,6:40,9:20

Valkyrie (PG-13) 1:20,4:10,7:15,10:00

Tale of Desp (G) 2:10,4:40,7:00,9:30

Yes Man (PG-13) 1:50,4:50,7:40,10:10

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 12:50,1:40,4:00,4:30,6:50,7:30,9:55,10:30

Earth Stood (PG-13) 2:30,5:00,7:00,10:20

Nothing Like (PG-13) 1:45,4:20,6:45,9:15

Four Chris (PG-13) 6:20,9:00

Bolt (PG) 1:10,3:50,6:30,8:50

Madagascar 2 (PG) 12:40,3:20

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak

(800) 326-3264 #1644

The Spirit (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:15,7:10,10:00

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 2:20,6:05,7:00,9:40,10:30

Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 12:01,1:10,2:30,3:50,4:50,6:30,7:20,8:50,9:50

Marley & Me (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:40,9:30

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 1:20,4:10,7:15,10:15

Tale of Desp (G) 12:40,2:10,3:20,4:40,6:20,9:00

Yes Man (PG-13) 2:00,4:45,7:40,10:20

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 12:50,1:40,4:00,4:30,6:50,7:30,9:45,10:40

Earth Stood (PG-13) 12:30,3:30,6:10,9:10

Nothing Like (PG-13) 6:45,9:20

Four Chris (PG-13) 5:00,7:50,10:10

Bolt (PG) 12:20,2:40

Madagascar 2 (PG) 1:50,4:20

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street

630-444-FILM #560

Valkyrie (PG-13) 2:00,4:35,7:10,9:45

Bedtime Stories (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00

Benjamin Button (PG-13) 3:05,6:30,9:50

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10

Yes Man (PG-13) 12:00,2:15,7:10

Slumdog Mill (R) 1:50,4:25,7:00,9:40

Milk (R) 4:30,9:25

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.

(847)492-0123 &

Gran Torino (R) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:40,8:00,9:30,10:45

Revo Road (R) ★ 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30

Bedtime Stories (PG) ★ 11:40,2:05,4:40,7:10,9:40

Doubt (PG-13) 11:25,2:05,4:50,7:30,10:05

Frost/Nixon (R) ★ 12:50,4:25,7:20,10:15

Marley & Me (PG) ★ 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:15

Milk (R) 12:00,3:50,7:10,10:20

Seven Pounds (PG-13) 1:40,4:30,7:35,10:25

Slumdog Mill (R) 1:05,4:00,7:05,10:00

Benjamin Button (PG-13) ★ 11:25,1:10,3:00,4:45,6:35,8:30,10:10

Earth Stood (PG-13) 11:35,2:20,4:40,7:20,9:50

The Reader (R) ★ 12:30,4:05,7:00,9:55

The Spirit (PG-13) ★ 11:55,2:30,4:55,7:40,10:20

Tale of Desp (G) 12:50,3:15,5:40

The Wrestler (R) ★ 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25

Valkyrie (PG-13) ★ 1:35,4:25,7:15,10:05

Yes Man (PG-13) 12:55,3:45,6:20,8:55

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In: The Wii
Out: Boring routines



NINE WORKOUTS IN '09

Simple but effective exercises for new year

Associated Press

Budget-friendly, time-efficient and fun workouts are going to be big in 2009, according to fitness experts. Here are their predictions for how we'll be getting in shape in the new year. Many Chicago gyms already offer some of these workouts.

1 Fun and games

From Carole Carson, author of "From Fat to Fit"

"Exergaming," such as the Wii and Dance Dance Revolution will bring fun and appealing exercise activities back into the home, Carson says.

There also will be a return to the popular exercises of childhood, such as trampolining and Hula-Hooping, she says. "We're making it fun again," Carson said. "You can have a lot of fun getting fit."

Look for more health clubs to purchase Espresso Bikes, stationary bikes with interactive software that simulates the experience of biking outdoors.



NEW YORK TIMES FILE

2

Suspension training

From Jeff Halevy, personal trainer and fitness coach

Halevy predicts suspension training will continue to catch on. While many pro sports teams and fighters use suspension trainers, such as the TRX, regular people are working out with them, he says. (Locally, RedEye knows Crunch gyms have classes.)

A suspension trainer essentially is a pair of straps with handles that you attach to any overhead point, such as a beam, tree

limb or door. Part of your body is off the ground on every exercise. For example, you can do push-ups or squats holding the handles or put your feet in the handles and do crunches.

"It's part of this whole functional training movement," Halevy said. "Why athletes like it so much is because it replicates real life activities."



3

Small dance studios

From Tamilee Webb, known for "Buns & Abs of Steel"

Webb predicts group fitness classes will move out of mega health clubs and back into smaller studios, as in the '80s when aerobic dance took off. Webb, who teaches at some big clubs, said many of her students ignore the club's other amenities and would prefer something smaller, simpler and cheaper.

So while most of the smaller studios are for yoga and Pilates, she sees more classes in aerobic dance, toning and even circuit training being offered in similar places.

4

Working out at home

From Ingrid Von Burg: "Yoga for Families" and "Yoga for Grandparents" DVD and Dr. Pamela Peeke, senior medical correspondent for the Discovery Health National Body Challenge

Hard economic times mean more people will work out in their homes.

Von Burg, who teaches at two yoga studios in New York City, says students already are forgoing her classes for DVDs; not only is it more economical but also a group of people can do it together as opposed to each paying for classes at a studio, she said.

Many yoga instructors are offering short instructional videos on their Web sites that students can download for free, she said.

5

Short workouts

From David Kirsch, "Anytime, Anywhere Workout" on weightwatchers.com; Tracey Staehle, "Fit By Tracey—Walking Strong"

People will do shorter workouts, Kirsch says. He has 10-minute circuit workouts; people can do three in the course of the day with no machines.

"The idea is to get away from the traditional 45-minute to an hour workout, three sets of this, three sets of that," Kirsch said.

Staehle says more health clubs are offering 30-minute versions of group fitness classes, such as Pilates, step and body pump.

"People like to get in, have a great workout that is intense, time efficient, and get out," she said.



6 Basketball

David Zinczenko, editor-in-chief of Men's Health and editorial director of Women's Health magazines

Zinczenko predicts President-elect Obama will bring basketball back to the forefront after several dark years.

"You have a group of high-profile basketball players in the White House, and you're going to see Obama and his team playing ball the way you saw Bush clearing brush and Clinton jogging the streets," he said.

Basketball will be seen as an upscale, sophisticated sport played by accomplished people, as it was in the early '90s, he said. Back then, there were high-profile stars like Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson, and people like Clarence Thomas and Al Gore played the sport.

7 Personalized DVD or Web workouts

Michele Olson, professor of exercise science, University of Alabama Montgomery, "10 Minute Solution: Kettlebell Ultimate Fat Burner" DVD

Olson says some people may find ways to create their own exercise DVDs by mixing and matching clips from multiple sources, such as YouTube videos, fitness DVDs and downloadable workouts that are on trainer and magazine Web sites. For example, people can create their own video workout on fitnessmagazine.com.

"There's more access to personalize the exercise video clips into an amalgamation of something that really meets your needs," she said.



8

Fitness boot camp

From the American Council of Exercise Top Fitness Trends for 2009

This military-style workout doesn't seem to be going away. This is the third time boot camp has been on the ACE's Top Fitness Trends List, according to chief science officer Cedric Bryant.

Boot camps offer a "change of pace from the traditional workout experience," Bryant said. The workouts, which incorporate moves like lunges, push-ups and squats, also challenge people in a way that's empowering.

But results also have a lot to do with it. Boot camps are time-efficient and effective, he said. And of course, he adds, some credit goes to the marketing. There are fitness boot camps for prom, high school reunions, weddings and singles.



9 Ballroom dancing

From Jeanette Jenkins, "Jeanette Jenkins Hollywood Trainer—Sexy Arms, Abs & Legs" DVD

Thanks to "Dancing with the Stars," there's going to be more interest in ballroom dancing, Jenkins says. In the past, people were more apt to find hip-hop and Brazilian dance in their fitness centers, she said.

"The show made it very cool to ballroom dance," she said.

"You're going to start

seeing ballroom dancing where you've never seen it before."

RedEye's taking a wait-and-see attitude on this trend.

Slim gyms

Health clubs cut fees for January boost

Associated Press

January is for fitness centers what December is for retailers: a bad month makes for a bad year.

And with people spending less and less likely to overindulge, some in the fitness business are working harder to make sure they don't find themselves on the ropes.

"We're all kind of holding our breath," says Ben Quist, co-owner of Form & Fitness in Grafton, Wis. He said his club hasn't seen a decline in memberships, but he's a little nervous. A third of the club's annual revenue is from new memberships in January, he said.

"You never take anything for granted," Quist said. "These next three months, I need to take in a handsome chunk of our revenue."

Historically, January is the single biggest month for new membership enrollment at health clubs, according to the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association. Many fitness centers introduce some of their best deals, hoping to entice new members.

The number of gym memberships dropped 3 percent to 41.5 million between 2006 and 2007, according to the association. At the same time, the number of fitness centers is increasing.

There were 29,636 commercial fitness centers in 2007, up from 29,357 in 2006, according to the association. And in most big metropolitan markets, every commercial fitness facility has 10 to 25 competitive fitness operations within its prime target area, the association reports.

Health club memberships tend to skew toward those earning \$50,000 or more, who are not the hardest hit by the economy, according to David Lockwood, director of research at Mintel, a market research firm.

But almost all consumers are cutting spending across the board, and for people with lower incomes, a gym very likely is a first cut, he said.

In part because of the economy, Curves International deepened its discount for new members, said spokeswoman Kathy Carr.

Equinox Fitness Clubs, with locations in Chicago and other cities, are offering 50 percent off the initiation fee. Plus, if new members work out 36 times in the first three months they get the initiation fee back.

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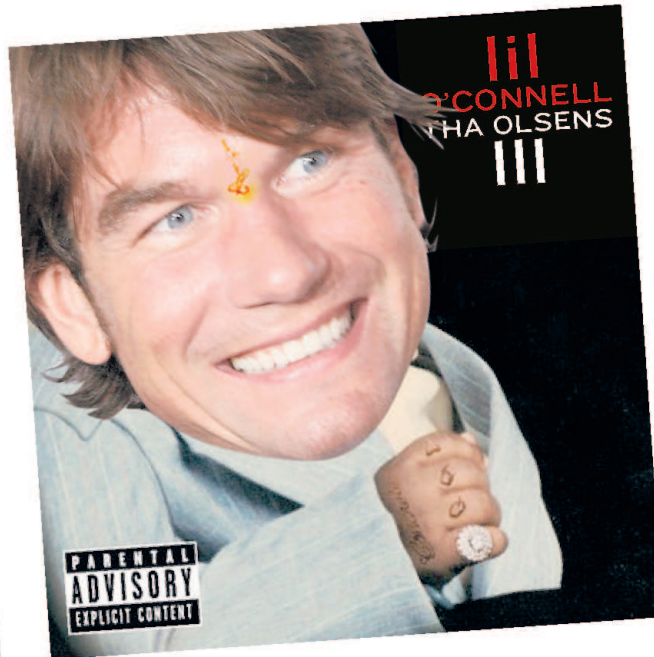
Song: 'Size Matters'

In October, Rebecca Romijn told Page Six magazine that her baby bump was getting big. "I can't move anymore. ... I'm a beached whale!" she said.



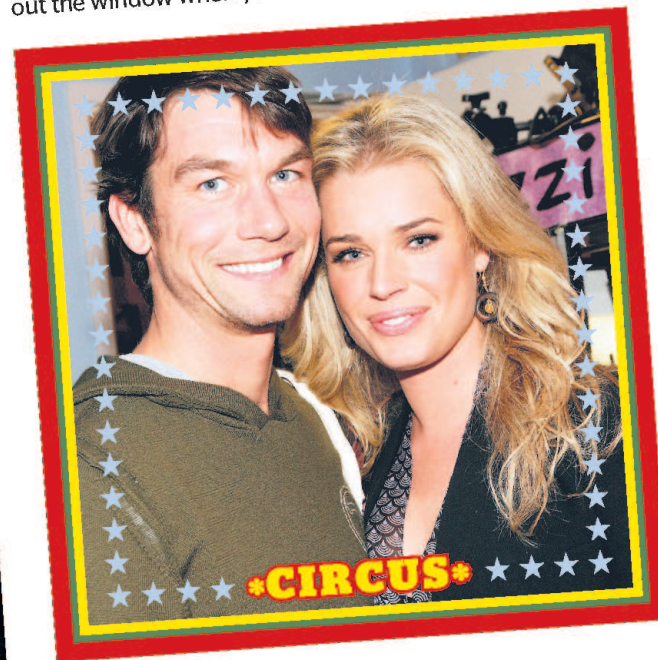
Song: 'Twin Peaks'

In August, O'Connell joked to "Entertainment Tonight" that he and Romijn were thinking of naming the twins Mary-Kate and Ashley—as in the Olsens.



Song: 'Game Over'

In order to make way for the babies, O'Connell tells People in October that he and his wife have cleared out a room for the twins that once held his video games. "Maybe that goes out the window when you have kids," he told the mag.



PARENTAL ADVISORY

Jerry and Rebecca welcome twins

The twins are here!

A rep for Rebecca Romijn confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday that the "Ugly Betty" actress and husband Jerry O'Connell welcomed Dolly Rebecca Rose and Charlie Tamara Tulip into the world Dec. 28.

Publicist Lewis Kay said in a statement that "mother, father and both girls are all home and doing well."

This is great news for the family, but it's even better news for gossip hounds who have been hearing about the intimate details of the O'Connell-Romijn pregnancy for what seems like forever. In case you've forgotten, here are a few of O'Connell and his wife's greatest hits concerning the pregnancy. RedEye imagines what the albums might be like.

Song: 'Just Eat It'

In September, O'Connell tells People magazine about his pregnant wife's eating habits, which he says are "crazy." Among the things always in their fridge, he says, are lemonade and soy cream cheese.

Song: 'Fat Bottom Wives'

O'Connell apologizes for calling his wife "huge" during a September appearance on Conan O'Brien's show. "I meant to say that there are specific areas of my wife that are larger than normal and growing every day," he told the mag. "All other portions of my wife are quite petite."

JERRY O'CONNELL



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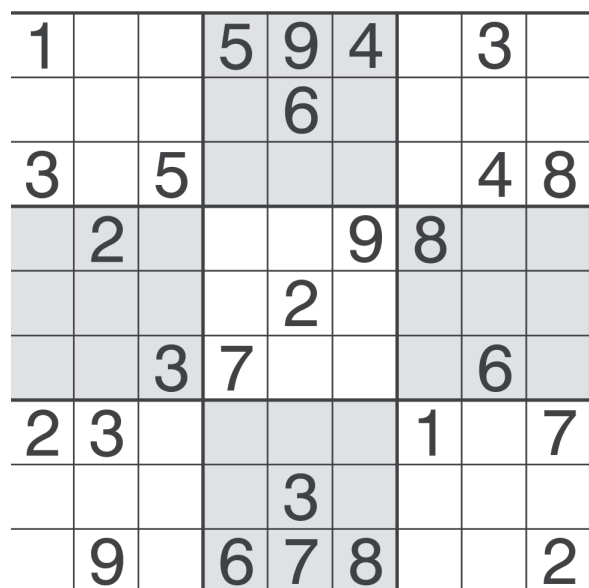


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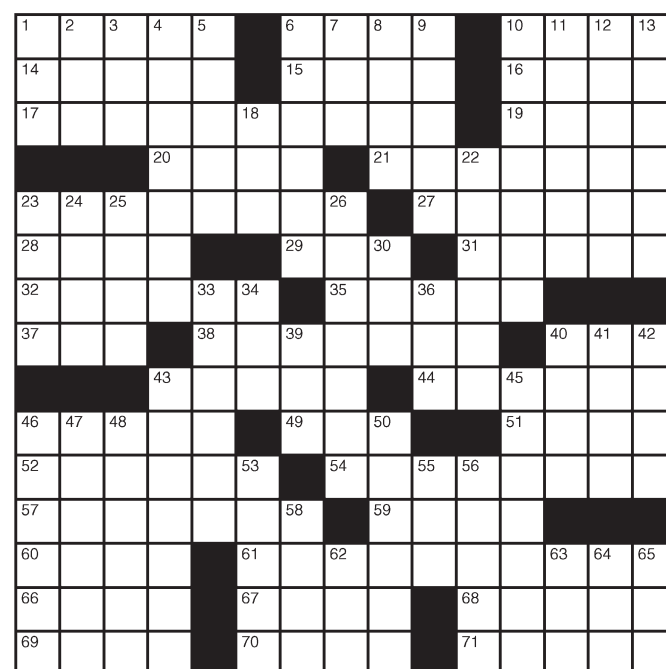
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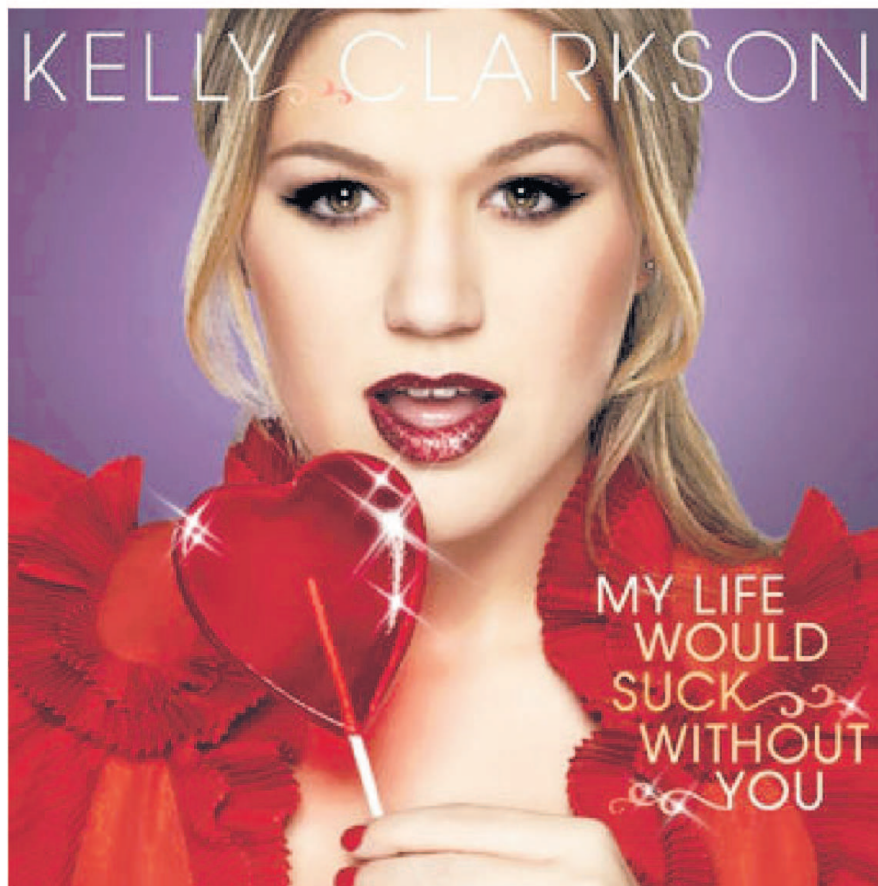
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New year, new album, new image?

Apparently so for Kelly Clarkson.

The former "American Idol" champ recently unveiled her updated look via the cover of her new single, "My Life Would Suck Without You."

It's part-Katy Perry and part-Madonna, according to [rollingstone.com](http://www.rollingstone.com). It shouldn't surprise anyone that the producers behind Clarkson's new single also were involved with Perry's "I Kissed A Girl."

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OMG!

Spotted: Entertainment Weekly reports that Michelle Trachtenberg, below, is reprising her role as Blake Lively's archnemesis on "Gossip Girl" for multiple episodes. A "Gossip" rep declined to comment, according to EW.



What, no Chicken of the Sea?

Jessica Simpson? Cooking? Simpson appears in the "2008 Cowboys Family Cookbook," presented by "the wives of the Dallas Cowboys," according to [usmagazine.com](http://www.usmagazine.com). Simpson and boyfriend Tony Romo share their favorite family recipes for "banana breakfast fruit smoothies" and "no-fat broccoli and cherry tomatoes."

Chicago-style

The Obamas won't be the only Chicagoans in the spotlight for the inauguration. Local rockers Andrew Bird and Ted Leo are taking the stage in D.C. on the eve of the big day to perform at The Big Shoulders Ball: Chicago Celebrates Change. The benefit ball encourages attendees to wear thrift-store formal wear.

Cause of death?

Jett Travolta's death certificate says he was killed by a "seizure," an undertaker told The Associated Press on Monday, as the 16-year-old's parents, John Travolta and Kelly Preston, prepared for a Florida funeral. Authorities didn't release the results of an autopsy performed Monday.

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The estimated amount of money TomKat has spent in New York, their home of the last few months, according to the New York Post. The figure includes real estate and a circus trip with the Beckhams.

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When Neil Patrick Harris hosts "Saturday Night Live" with Taylor Swift as the musical guest, according to [ew.com](http://www.ew.com).

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